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ONE CENT in Washington and Sqburt

TEUTON SPLIT WIDENS; PRESS SHOWS RANCOR

Germans Accuse Austrian Premier of Traitorously Courting America.

Amsterdam, Jan. 28.-Hand-inhand with the growing labor unrest in Germany and Austria-Hungary goes a violent press controversy revolving around the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister's peace aims reply, particularly the hint at conciliation with America contained therein. This was clearly shown by today's advices from the two Teutonic capitals.

A wide gap has been sprung between strong sections of public opinions in the two nations by the divergence between the German chancellor's and Count Czernin's speeches. It was consic ably widened by a statement atti- sited to the Austrian foreign minister today, that he had sent a copy of his speech to President Wilson beforehand.

(No such copy was received by President Wilson personally or by the State Depart-

Czernin Called Traitor.

While the press controversy rages, ome of the pan-German organs going so far as to call Czernin a traitor to Germany, the censorship both at Ber-lin and Vienna has cast an impene-trable veil over everything that could tend positively to answer the question whether there is an actual split between the two governments, or whether the divergence between the two leading statesmen's addresses was shrewdiy "framed" beforehand as part and parcel of a far-reaching scheme of diplomatic camouffage whose ultimate purposes are known only to the schemers themselves.

Two days after Scheidemann told the Reichstag main committee that the Austrian Emperor had been openly in-sulted in the streets of Vienna, equally outspoken references to the could be heard in the streets of Berlin.

Dubs Kaiser Haugman.

And the Deutsche Tages Zietung, which Count Reventlow vents is views, today "featured" an ediname being given, but only one ference being possible as to who meant. The Tages Zeitung charges the emperor with selling the empire to the Socialists.

This paper leads a section of the unkerist press in a well-defined campaign for creating popularity for the crown prince as the "sole saviour" of a "greater Germany."

The pre-war plot, to which Pre-mier Lloyd George vaguely alluded in one of his recent speeches, to force the Kaiser to abdicate in faver of his eldest son, already the appears to have been fully revived.

Angry at Czernin.

The report that Count Czernin sent an advance copy of his speech to President Wilson drew from the pan-Jerman press today bitter invective against the Austrian statesman. The ost, speaking of "Czernin's fraternal

Meanwhile the German Socialists are rejoicing over a notable local election victory. In the little town of Bantzen, Saxony. Herr Uhlig, a Bantzen, Saxony, Herr Uhlig, a Socialist candidate in a by-election contest, defeated Dr. Herrmann, a Conservative. The fight had been bitter, both sides asserting it was the big test of the German people's feel-

BOLSHEVIKI RESUME PARLEY WITH GERMANS

Situation So Strained that Definite 3 DEAD, MANY HURT Results Not Expected.

Stockholm, Jan. 28.-Soon after hurling back at Trotzky the charge of Women Buried Under Debris Dying. 'cannon and machine gun regime,' Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister, proceeded to Brest-Litovsk, again "with a large staff," as German dispatches empha-, to resume the peace parleys with Bolsheviki.

The Russian delegation also was returning to the parley place at last accounts. A new hitch, however, that might wreck the resumption would might wreck the resumption would surprise no one familiar with the extreme tension surrounding the whole German hopes in an early economic

with the Ukraine have been considerably dampened by the ap-pearance at Brest-Litovsk of an enfirely new Ukranian delegation insists on acting only in conjunction with the Bolsheviki.

H. H. Raymond Appointed N. Y. Shipping Supervisor

The United States Shipping Board last night announced that H. H. Ray-mond. of New York City, had been appointed the board's Controller of Shipping at the Port of New York.
Mr. Raymond, who will supervise
the operation of the board's ships at
New York and co-operate with other

War News in a Nutshell

German annexationists violently attack Count Czernin for his peace hint to America. Austrian foreign minister quoted as saying he sent copy of his speech to President Wilson beforehand. All Germany baffled by question: Is Austria deserting or playing a shrewd game inspired by Wilhelmstrasse.

Junkerist organ, seeing the Kaiser's surrender to Socialists, refers to "hangman of Germany."

Czernin gets confidence vote from Reichsrath foreign relations committee, 14 to 7.

Widespread unrest reported in both empires. Riots in Rhenish munitions cities. Machine guns distributed for use against mobs.

Kuehlmann denounces Trotzky and attacks Bolsheviki's "brute force regime," but goes back to Brest-Litovsk, where parley is to be resumed. Troops with rifles and machine guns had to be called out to quell food and peace riots in several big Rhenish Prussian

industrial towns. A strike is said to have been begun on many large munitions plants in the Rhine province. In the dual monarchy, also, fresh disturbances have occurred, notably at Prague, capital of Bohemia, where thousands of protestants smashed windows and pillaged stores until they

were finally scattered by troops. At the German mass meetings, as in the press battle over annexation, the Kaiser's name is used with growing frequency and astounding frankness.

MADE TO TEST

HUN DEFENSES

Herald and New York Tribune.

Artillery Fire Increases

Southeast of Leverguler the British repelled with rifle fire another at-

tempt of the enemy during the night.

Champagne and

sector the French carried out a num-

attempted in vain to benetrate a

Furious in Footbilis.

nearest the foothills of the moun-

Lively aerial operations have ac-

the last week British aviators a

RINTELEN IN PLOT

TO "FEE" A JUSTICE

"Publicity Agent" Testifies Against

German Employer.

John C. Hammond, engaged by Rin

telen as a publicity agent, who was the chief witness for the government,

revealed that one of the plots planned

was to pay a "fee" to a justice of the Supreme Court. Hammond testified that he accepted

the position as publicity agent for

Rintelen with the understanding that

the prisoner had come to America with the intention of trying to ar-range more beneficial commercial re-lations between the United States and

Germany. When he learned that his plan was to sink munition ships and incite strikes in war industry plants, Hammond testified, he laid the whole matter before Col. House and Joseph

Prohibition to New York

New York, Jan. 28.-A campaign in

P. Tumulty, secretary to Presid

Fight Opens to Bring

The battle of the big guns burst

three men.

torious.

British fliers.

WILSON FEELS MANY FORAYS GERMANS WILL SOON REVOLT

President Wilson did not receive any dvance copy of the peace speech of Count Czernin, the Austrian premier. Col. Edward M. House, the President's special emissary, will not return to Europe for the present.

These statements were authoritatively made at the White House yes-terday, accompanied by the plain in-timation that had the Austrian prenier offered the President a "fraternal kiss," as charged by the Cologne Ga-zette, his offer would have met with a "startling rebuff."

White House Confident. There can be no peace by com-

promise, according to a sketch of the President's attitude coming from one of his Cabinet officers. He is reported to believe that little

short of a revolution in Germany can satisfy his first condition for peace discussions-a German government re sponsible to the Reichstag majority. With America ready to strike, the administration, it is indicated, feels that revolution in Germany is already in Artillery firing near Cambrai, Lens the making.

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These disclosures were made coincident with the statement of Secretary Baker as to the forwardness of war preparations and coincident ha statement by Secretary of the vy Daniels that the navy is pre-Northeast of Saintdle the Germans with a statement by Secretary of the Navy Daniels that the navy is pre-pared to transport in adequate safety to Europe all the troops the War Department may decide to send.

They were made available following a lengthy conference at the White House between the President and Col. House. Following the conference Col. House himself declared in answer to question that he will not return for

Pleased with B

An official of the State Department said yesterday that the political element in the internal troubles of the kiss for Wilson." Instnuates it is "his central powers is most significant.

Judas kiss for Germany." Reventlow Rumors of food shortage and trouble thundered in his paper that this over food have been current for two meant a menace to "Germany's life years and have never amounted to interests."

The Tagliche Rundschau biuntly doesn't believe that food conditions stated, "we do not trust Austria," in the central powers are yet serious. and another junkerist journal urged It cannot neglect, however, the evi-Wilhemstrasse to abandon the dual dences of grave political dissatisfac

But in his own country Count The State Department also denies Czernin is stronger than ever. Proof this was furnished today when the speech, save that carried by the foreign relations committee of the press cables, had reached this coun-Reichsrath tenderd him a vote of contry in any official form.

There was every evidence at the

White House of the extreme gratifi-cation of the President with Secretary showing before the Senate Secretary Baker himself walked

briskly from the Capitol to the War Department following his testimony. "That is splendid," said a French officer when told of Mr. Baker's five of the statement that there would be 500.00 men in France early in the year with 1.500,000 ready to follow. Mr. Baker's disclosure of the plans

for getting America's heavy artillery in France and England were also confirmed in allied sources.

IN ILLINOIS WRECK

Train Leaps Track.

Chicago, Jan. 28.-Three persons are known to have been killed, a woman pinned beneath the wreckage is dying, and between forty and 100 others were injured, many perhaps fatally, when the Omaha Flyer, on the Illinois Central, leaped the tracks at Granger, Ill., this afternoon. The known dead: Infant daughter of Samuel Spitzer, Chicago; Martino Thompson, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mrs. T. J. Henderson, Sloux City, Iowa.

BRITISH AVIATORS TERRORIZE GERMANS

Dropping Bombs on Mannheim Causes Panic Among Residents.

London, Jan. 28.-British airmen who raided Mannheim Thursday night caused unparalleled terror in that city, according to Geneva dispatches to the mond. of New York City, had been appointed the board's Controller of Shipping at the Port of New York.

Mr. Raymond, who will supervise the operation of the board's ships at New York and co-operate with other war agencies, is president of the Clyde and Mallory lines. He is president, also, of the American Steamship Association, composed of fifty-was ship operators.

According to Geneva dispatches to the London Daily Express today, quoting support of the Federal prohibition support of the Federal prohibition of these, an injured Germany, one of these, an injured Germany, one of these, an injured Germany, arrived at Basle, Despite police orders, he said, terror-stricken people rushed out of doors half clothed and gathered in the streets. The British raiders scored at audience.

Resolutions were adopted urging the Federal prohibition with war; sive us peace,"

EAST WITH AID FOR U.S. ALLIES

McAdoo Orders Vast Supply Movement.

Certain Exceptions Made.

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Administration Confident, Work with U. S. Ready, Trouble Brews for Kaiser.

Infantry Takes Up Work with U. S. Ready, Trouble Brews for Kaiser.

Infantry Takes Up Work lantic seaboard already accepted or land addition to the securities held by the under permit, arrangements have been made to consolidate these shipments and move them in solid trains or groups of cars east from Chicago, St. Louis and immediate terminals."

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Special Cable to The Washington situation since it took hold of the roads. Floods are menacing the roads and grave apprehension is felt be-London, Jan. 28 .- Collowing the recent great air offensive of the Franco-British forces on the West front, the infantry has again token the eastern transportation, reported the situation the worst this winter, Conditions were so bad that all servup its work of testing the enemy's defenses and gathering information concerning the possibility of an im-mediate offensive by the Germans. From the North Sea to the Swiss Lorder raiding parties of both sides Washington to points reaching the Pennsylvania districts was annuled. Heavy snows have stalled Pennsylvania main line trains and derailed locomotives. The situation was shown have shown unusual activity, strik-ing without artillery warning at every exposed part of the battle line. n this report to Director General Mc-Adoo from Mr. Smith: "Continued heavy rains in West In Flanders yesterday the Germans attacked the British lines north of Becelacre, where seventeen prisoners were taken, and in the vicinity of Langemarck, where the British lost

"The weather conditions in Penń-sylvania, West Virginia, Harrisburg and over the Allegheny Mountains and in the Pittsburgh districts are wors

Fight Snow and Sleet.

small French post, Paris reports,
Patrol encounters and artillery
duels of some intensity occurred

yesterday on the Northern Italian front. From the Val D'Arsa, west of the Asiago Plateau, to the Upper Piave, Austrian and Italian reconnoitering parties manifested burgh districts. Eastbound passenger unusual activity, some asserting service from Pittsburgh district and that Gen. Diaz's troops came out freight service in Pittsburgh at a unusual activity, some asserting that Gen. Diaz's troops came out of most of the engagements vicfreight service in Fittsours, at standstill. Prospects of continuing movement of empty cars to bimovement of empty cars to bi-tuminous mines for next day or so is not encouraging. Every man obtainable is being used in an effort to out with sudden fury between the Frenzela Valley and the Brenta Canal, where the invaders stand keep traffic moving. Northern New York State: Strong east wind and nowing, with temperature ten below to six above. Light snow in central

complished especially good work in combats and scouting. Six Austrian machines and two balloons were brought down in that period by the TWO DETECTIVES DIE FROM BULLET WOUNDS

Box Car Thieves Believed to Have Majority Observe It, but Some Shot Them.

control. In addition, four Austrian balloons were shot to earth in flames. The Royal Fliers accomplished this with the loss of only five of their own machines.

ne police today. Dolan and Maloney were investigating thefts of valuable packages, and it is believed they were shot in a bat-tle which followed when they sur-

Seventy Horses Perish In Early Morning Blaze

New York, Jan. 28.—Seventy horses were burned to death early today when fire destroyed a building in lower Manhattan. The blaze threatened to spread to adjoining tenements and 200 scantily clad men and women was observed more generally year.

All cigar and candy stores will rate is over £2. A can of American meat selling in New York before the war for \$1.25 costs \$2.25 here today.

CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE. New York, Jan. 28.—Franz Rintelen, charged with having plotted to blow up munitions ships, was also conducting a vigorous campaign to incite labor troubles in the United States, it was brought out in Federal Court today. scantily clad men and women fled to the street.

TRAINS RUSHED M'ADOO WANTS WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

Freshets Menace Roads as Will Ask Congress to Create Federal Company to Aid War Industries.

Special trains carrying food and supplies consigned to the French. British and Italian governments were ordered last night to be rushed to the Atlantic seaboard. Director General McAdoo issued instructions that these trains be run solid or in groups. The order becomes effective at once. Most of these trains ordered to the prosecution of the war. The proposed measure carries also a proposed measure carries also a pro-

ica." The whole sum, or such as may be necessary to make ment on subscriptions, is to be ap propriated out of the Treasury. scriptions may be offered to the pub-lic as stock in the corporation. The corporation is to be managed

tions were contained in the following by the Secretary of the Treasury and four other directors to be appointed to the secretary of the Treasury and the secretary and the secretary and the secretary and the sec order, No. 7:

"The director general has instructed, in the matter of embargo on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh, the Baltimore & Ohio east of the Ohio River, and the Philadelphia & Readling road that the following even the provided that the prov Could Advance Money.

security at any time.

Advances directly to any person, firm or association engaged in war work may be made in exceptional

The bill provides, also, that the corporation may deal in securities of the United States.

The corporation is to be authorized

to issue its own notes or obligations aggregating not more than eight times its paid-in capital; these obligations to have "a paramount floating charge on all the assets of the corporation."
The assets may not be pledged or mortgaged.

The corporation's stock will be on a level with the United States se-curities for bank practice, except that when Federal Reserve notes are issued against it the Federal Reserve Board may make a special interest charge. They will be exempt from all taxes except inheritance, income

and war taxes,

Perhaps the most radical feature
of the proposed legislation is the
control of capital expenditures through

Penalty for Violation

"For the restriction of unnecessary capital expenditures," rends the bill," the "corporation may refuse to license the sale of any issue or part of issue,

the par or face value of which shall be in excess of \$100,000." This applies only to borrowing for capital purposes. It does not apply to any securities issued by any railroad labor intends to play a big part in pocontrolled by the United States.

The corporation is to continue until
six months after the President's
proclamation of the end of the war,
lems.

til conditions clear up.
"All service annulled from New York, Philadelphia and Washington to points reaching Altoona and Pitts-liquidation will revert to the govern-

Violation of any provision of the act would carry a penalty of \$5,000 toward those they consider responsible for supplying and distributing

Overcome by Heat. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 28.-One heat

prostration was reported here today when the temperature took a sudden

HEATLESS MONDAY BRINGS VIOLATIONS

Choose to Ignore Edict.

ing fuel administrator for the Dis-trict, but whether they will be ducks, turkeys and pheasants are prosecuted could not be learned. ducks, turkeys and pheasants are nearly double the figure. Under rulings of Mr. Colladay, drug stores allowed to remain open for the sale of drugs and medi-cines, could not sell cigars or to-bacco, but could operate their soda

All cigar and candy stores will rate is over £2. A can of American

was observed more generally yes-terday than on last Monday.

What Is Going On in Germany

Victor Morgan, the noted editor of the Cleveland Press, has just returned from Germany. He was sent there to gather first-hand information as to the conditions existing in the Kaiser's land TODAY.

through The Washington Herald. You cannot afford to miss these articles. Read all of them. The first one will be printed tomorrow in

THE ONE CENT

High Spots in Baker Testimony

"There will be half a million men in France early in 1918." "There will be a million and a half ready to go to France in

"The American people will soon demonstrate upon the battlefields of Europe, side by side with veterans, our determination

"We are in the war to win. We are in it to hit and to hit

"The Ordnance Bureau has been letting contracts at the rate of twenty a day." "There are delays, and I can make no color of prophecy

when they will be removed, although every effort is being made to remove them." "We could not delay sending men to the cantonments until

the last button was on the last coat." "Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood advised me to send the men to the camps, saying they would have a lot to learn before they would have need for rifles."

"The German government is still unaware of the number of men we have in France." "It was not for us to decide the theater of the war-the

theater was France. It was not for us to decide the line of communications-the line reached across the Atlantic Ocean, with one end infested by submarines. Our enemy was on the other side of No Man's Land and our problem was to get over there and get him."

HUNGER GRIPS TRADERS SEEK ENGLISH WHILE 6 SHORT DAYS, QUEUES GROW NONE COALLESS

Great Britain's Only Hope Is New York, Philadelphia and America as Pinch Tightens on Masses.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER. pecial Cable to The Washington

Herald and New York Tribune. London, Jan. 28 .- Britain's suffering on account of the food shortage is acute. In less than ten weeks there

It is unfortunate that the people are not prepared for the present condition-in fact, the frequent optimistic reports of decreased submarine sinkings have led them to draw entirely wrong conclusions. The result is that there has been a lot of bitter com-plaining over the hardships of standing for hours in long queues, often to get only a fraction of the food re-

Compulsory Rationing Needed. The failure of the government to inroduce compulsory rationing in essentials last summer is responsible

There is no mistaking the fact that

Hquidation will revert to the government.

Tax exemption is to be granted to

sa anything milder than gravely services. Swiftness with which the fuel order rious. Lord Rhondda's injunction to the people to pull in their belts and ruling. So far as I know, Washingbut though the people are laughing at

Looking to America.

It is toward America that the people are looking for meat, butter, baton, cheese and wheat. To date the ministry of food has issued tickets for only one staple, sugar, which is being distributed satisfactorily. It has fixed minimum prices for bread, cereals, milk, rabbits, meat, fish, jams and tea. What-ever the government has fixed prices and controlled the supply, public has benefitted mater ally, but when the supply remains uncontrolled after a maximum price has been fixed, frequently the food Chicago, January 28.—Box car thieves who shot and killed Bernard Dolan and Patrick Maloney, special detectives of the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad in the railroad yards at Franklin Park, are being sought by

> Government Shows Energy. Freight rates have jumped several bacco, but could operate their soda of the war. For instance, it cost a fountains which was not generally shilling to bring a crate of oranges from Spain before the war; today the

ANNEX COURLAND?

Seize Rich Country. Special Cable to The Washington Herald and New York Tribune. Amsterdam, Jan. 28.—Courland or

Which shall Germany choose, asks Emil Zimmermann, one of the editors of the Vossische Zeitung and a brother of former German Minister Zimmermann, who a few months ago tried to embroil Mexico in a war with the United States.

It is upon Courland and the adjoin-

ing Polish and Lithuanian territories that his choice falls.

In spite of the German pledges against annexations, Zimmermann de-mands that Germany annex the western provinces of Russia, because of

Chicago Merchants Here to See Garfield.

Washington merchants generally faor the proposed ruling to shorten the table knitting with them orking day, but will not join with New York, Philadelphia and Chicago department store heads in their call on Mr. Garfield. When a similar proosal was introduced at a recent meet-

on no action was taken on it.

The question of opening the stores it 10 o'clock in the morning was introduced at a meeting of the Mergovernment in handling the food prob-lems.

The situation cannot be characterized

The situation cannot be characterized pany, last night, "but because of the ton merchants will not to out-of-town men in their request." That the Fuel Administration will deny the request on the ground that little saving of fuel will result is the opinion of A. Lisner, of the Palais Royal. According to Mr. Lisner, practically as much fuel would be used if the stores opened later in Royal.

Second Monday a Success.

to the administration

Storms and Cold Weather Diminish Meager Existing Supply.

New York, Jan. 28.—The metropolis gain faces a fuel famine. This time t is of graver proportions than beore, according to Fuel Administraion officials.

Unprecedented storm conditions that have tied up the railroads throughout the East, thus cutting off New York's fuel suply in transit, is in great part esponsible.
The coal saved today by the observ-

ance of the second Garfield Monday holiday will do little to relieve the situation. Only 15,500 tons of anthra-cite reached New York. Bitterly cold Hun Editor Believes Teutons Should harbor, greatly hampered the ment of coal from the New Jersey

MIST SHROUDS COAST: TEMPERATURE FALLING

Sudden Drop Forecasted by New York Weather Bureau.

New York, Jan. 28.—The whole eastern seaboard from Portland, Me., to Hampton Roads is tonight shrouded

n a cloud of mist.

The Weather Bureau tonight reported falling temperature in practically the whole section east of PittsIn some places it is snowIn snowIn some places it is snowIn sn burgh. In some places it is snow-with his previous experiences. ing, but at many points rain is fall-not indulge in his cigar-in

BAKER BARES WAR SECRETS TO CONGRESS

Says 500,000 U.S. Soldierr Will Be in France Soon, if Ships Are Ready.

First definite announcement was made yesterday that America would have a half million men in France early this year.

She will have three times that many ready to send before 1919. Secretary of War Newton D. Baker made these statements when he appeared before the Senate Military Affairs Committee to reply to Senator Chamberlain's assertion that the War Department had "fallen

The Secretary made flat denial that the military establishment had collapsed. "It would be a tragic thing if the wholly unprecedented effort would turn out to merit that charge," he said.

Admits Delays. Mr. Baker admitted there had been delays in preparation.

"I do not want to add any color of prophecy as to when they will be removed," he declared, "But every effort will be made to remedy them." He reviewed picturesquely and in detail the enormous achievements of war preparation here and abroad, and said at the end of this long and interesting presentation:
"When it's all told, the story of Delegations of business men from the war preparation will be shown New York. Philadelphia and Chicago as a tremendous response to a tre-

has been a profound change in the country's economic position.

Whether it has been brought about by an unfortunate run of luck in importing supplies through the submarine zone, or from lack of foresight in the high places, or from general depletion of the world's storehouses because of the war, makes little difference.

They will submit a proposal that team-playing. More has been accombined that the they be permitted to do business every plished than the wisest ever dreamed. "There will be criticism. But so they propose a seven-hour day, instead of a ten-hour day, opening at 10 o'clock in the morning and closing at 5. They contend that the three hours saving will more than conserve the coal that would be saved on Mondays.

Dr. Garfield, it is believed, will not the said it was the longest species.

women shoppers because of the Monday closing. To allow the department
stores to open would be to break appointed time, a throng stood in the
down it is maintained at the Fuel Administration.

Washington Out of It.

Washington merchants generally fawomen absolute which women and women appointed time, a throng stood in the
end, only about 250 persons heard the
secretary. These were composed
the first of the committee, Concress
men, newspaper reporters and women
merchants generally faen spectators who carried their inevi

Refers to Papers.

For the most part the Secretary was not interrupted. He came armed with a mass of papers, but referred to them seldom. His remarkable vocabulary was used to best advantage in many triking phrases and similes, such as: "France was a white sheet of paper so far as we were concerned. On that sheet we had to write not only an army but the means of maintaining an army." he said.

Interesting revelations were frequently made. At one time the Secence in his office at which the army rifle was selected on the eye of Gen. Pershing's salling. At another period, he said Gen. Leonard Wood recommended calling out the drafted men before men before they were properly equipped, so that their training could begin. At still another moment he told how the Russian breakdown and the Italian defeats had switched the

war plan. His hearers paid closest attention when the Secretary repudiated the suggestion that the argus-eyed German secret service had been able to learn how many American fighting men there are now in France.

Germany Yet Mystified.

"Why have you not let the public nto your confidence on this point?" sked Senator Chamberlain. "I hesitate to do so." replied the Secretary. "I have here an article in which Von Hindenburg con-Hindenburg temptuously says the Americans ad-vertise their preparations."

Do you think there has been a "Do you think there has been a minute at any time when the German secret service did not know how many men we had in France?"
"Yes sir. If I can rely upon my best information, the German govbest information, the German gov-ernment is still mystified about it. "Does the British or the French government advertise its plans?" in uired Senator Myers.

"The American does not either does it?" put in Senator Chamberlain "No sir. Senator, if I wanted to find out today how many men the French or British have at the front, could not do so. They will not tell. I could know only in a general way." The Senate Committee will continue its investigation, and the Secretary

will be summoned again, but not for the present. It is the intention of the committee to proceed with other branches of the War Department. Not Evasive.

Secretary Baker said: "If you sire to go into other branches, I will lend you my aid."

At this time, he also said "with great deference" to the committee:

great deference" to the committee:
"For some reason I do not understand,
although I appeared before your committee with the intention of being frank and the utmost desire to aid you, I seem to have left the ir sion upon some members that I was fencing in behalf of some of my sub-ordinates."

According to his views, as expressed in a series of articles on "Eastern Questions" in the Vossiche Zeitung, Zimmermann believes that no price would be too high to pay for Courland. He points out that the Russian provinces would supply a great part of the milk, cheese and butter for Germann consumption.

A sudden drop in temperature is forecasted. Peculiar atmospheric conditions will account for the coating of ice that is expected to cover the ground in the was in the alighte: degree opposed to criticism or regestion. Committee members said afterward that the Russian provinces would supply a great part of the milk, cheese and butter for Germann consumption.

these trains be run solid or in groups.

The order becomes effective at once. Most of these trains originate in Chicago, St. Louis and the immediate terminals.

Thousands of tons of munitions and supplies must reach the seaboard at once. The director general plans to move the greater part of these shipments even ahead of the other necessaries that have received preference. saries that have received preference.

Director General McAdoo's instruc-

ng road, that the following excep-

"A-Food for animals.

"B-Materials used in the operation and upkeep of coal mines.

"To provide for the rail movement of food and supplies consigned to recessary or contributory to war purferench, British and Italian governments for ports on the North At-Joured by the notes of the banks, in lantic seaponed already accepted or addition to the securities held by the

Situation at Worst. With this great movement, the railroad administration faced the worst cause of freshets all over the railroad map. A. H. Smith, in charge of ce from New York, Philadelphia and

Virginia, with rapidly rising streams and water over tracks in many places, is seriously interfering with the service in the entire coal fields district. Several snow slides also have

"Ten to fourteen inches of new snow and sleet. Drifting with bitter cold winds making a depth of about two feet on the level. Two mainline Pennsylvania trains stalled in snow, one with engine derailed. Holding other westbound trains at Altoona un-

part, with temperature two to eight

The war office statement regard-ing air operations in Italy says that since the end of November, when the British airmen began opera-tions in Italy, they have destroyed thirty-seven enemy planes and brought two others down out of

tle which followed when prised the thieves at work.

THE HOTTEST NEWS IN AMERICA TODAY

He is going to tell this news to the people of Washington

today will call upon Dr. Harry A. Garfield, the Fuel Administrator, to ask
that department stores be allowed to
keep open Mondays,
They will submit a proposal that
team-playing. More has been accom-

days.

Dr. Garfield, it is believed, will not accede to the request. There has been practically no protest whatever from Senate Committee abandoned its own

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the morning as is used at present,

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